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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
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(RWA/93/003) - Round Table Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Reconstruction of Rwanda

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Expected duration:	12 weeks
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Planning
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 207 000 Source of funds: IPF

Project background

This revised model of RBA's Round Table mechanism aims at strengthening coordination of development partners and the National Government of Rwanda in order to design, finance and implement strategies on emergency assistance and reconstruction, for responding effectively and as rapidly as possible to very advanced deterioration of the human situation in one country. Since October 1990, Rwanda has been affected by a prolonged situation of war, now worsened by the breakdown of the cease fire by the FPR in February 1993. The number of internally displaced persons has dramatically increased from 350,000 in 1992 to more than one million today. The humanitarian situation of the displaced as well as host population, which together represents a third of the total population, has therefore quickly deteriorated.

At the Governing Council of 17 February 1993, in approving the Country Programme, the decision was taken to hold a Round Table meeting on Humanitarian Assistance. The UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs (DHA) has agreed to play a leading role in this Conference. This initiative is fully coherent with the action of the UN Secretariat and

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Security Council in promoting the peace process whereby, at the request of the Secretary General, a goodwill mission has been sent to Rwanda; and the Arusha negotiations are preparing a peace agreement which, inter alia, would contemplate reintegration of displaced persons in their original territory. The strategy proposed for this Round Table is to link as far as possible the efforts of the United Nations system as a whole, with reference to two main dimensions.

1. The Humanitarian Emergency: An Interagency Mission to Kigali, led by DHA, with the support of the UNDP Office in Kigali, has prepared a Consolidated Appeal for emergency assistance which will shortly be issued by the USG for Humanitarian Affairs to the donor community. The Round Table will mobilize additional resources for the residual emergency needs of the internally displaced and host populations, and propose strategies to enhance operational modalities of humanitarian interventions.

2. The Reconstruction and Reintegration of Displaced Persons: The objective is to coordinate under a single programme the three main phases of action, i.e. emergency assistance, reconstruction and reintegration of displaced populations, and economic and human development programmes. The Round Table will allow UNDP, with other UN and bilateral agencies and the Government of Rwanda, to assess the medium-term needs for reconstruction and reintegration and to adjust, accordingly, macro and micro-level programme interventions and budgetary allocations in order to meet those needs.

Description of project

The major objectives of the Round Table, on a priority basis, will be to: (a) discuss and implement strategy for humanitarian assistance, reconstruction of affected areas and integration/reintegration of displaced persons; (b) mobilize additional resources or reallocate current programmes resources accordingly; (c) ensure optimal utilization of resources provided by the international community for residual emergency needs; and (d) promote international public awareness.

The Round Table meeting will be held in Geneva, possibly in June 1993 and will follow the usual guidelines and methodology of the UNDP Round Table exercise. The DHA will coordinate the Round Table, and other UN organizations, which have participated in the interagency mission, will be closely associated, as well as key NGOs operating in Rwanda. UNDP and the Government will present a Programme of Action for the reconstruction of Rwanda, elaborated in close consultation with the donor community in Kigali, which will propose a reassessment of ongoing development projects in order to co-ordinate and to re-programme resources under a common plan.

Inputs

UNDP will provide an international consultant specialized in Round Tables and planning exercises for two-man months; two local consultants in reconstruction and displaced persons (six man-months); travel arrangements for an OPS Prodere project specialist; administrative support; organization of the Round Table in Geneva by the UNDP office in Switzerland; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	71 000
Equipment	3 000
Training (Conference)	104 500
Miscellaneous	28 000
Total	207 000

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